

Hyogo Prefecture



Himeji

Himeji Castle



With its beautiful white walls providing a graceful figure that many relate to a white egret spreading its wings, Himeji Castle is Japan's most famous castle. This World Heritage Site features the original castle foundation. *Opening hours vary according to season.

■ Admission: General 1,000 yen, Children 300 yen ■ Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Himeji Sta. ■ Location: 68 Hon-machi, Himeji, Hyogo
 ■ Contact: Himeji Convention & Visitors Bureau, +81-79-222-2285 Website: <http://www.himeji-kanko.jp/en/>

Shoshazan Engyoji Temple



Visitors are welcome to experience ascetic practices including not only Zen meditation—where meditators sit upright and reflect on their mind—but also sutra copying and vegetarianism. *Ascetic practice schedules will be updated online. Fee required.

■ Admission: Entrance 500 yen, Jiki-do Hall admission 200 yen ■ Access: 30 minutes by bus from JR Himeji Sta. to "Shoshazan Ropeway" bus stop
 ■ Location: 2968 Shosha, Himeji, Hyogo ■ Contact: Himeji Convention & Visitors Bureau, +81-79-222-2285 Website: <http://www.himeji-kanko.jp/en/>

Ieshima Islands Cruise



The Ieshima Islands comprise 44 islands of various sizes. Taking a "marine taxi" is the recommended method for touring around the smaller islands. *Reservations required at least 7 days in advance. Fee required.

■ Access: 35 minutes by liner from Himeji Port to Maura Port or 45 minutes to Miya Port ■ Boarding Location: Maura Port, Miya Port
 ■ Contact: Ieshima Tourist Information Office, +81-79-325-8777 Website: <http://h-ieshima.jp/>

Awaji Island

Cycling



Awaji Island is the largest island within the Seto Inland Sea. The island's seaside course covers some 150 km for an easy ride with spectacular scenery.

■ Access: 1 hour by bus from "Kosoku Maiko" bus stop to "Sumoto Bus Center" bus stop (Rent-a-cycles available at Sumoto Tourist Information Center), or 13 minutes by high-speed boat from Akashi Port to Iwaya Port (Rent-a-cycles available at Iwaya Tourist Information Center) ■ Location: Awaji City / Sumoto City / Minami Awaji, Hyogo ■ Contact: Awaji Island Tourist Association, +81-799-25-5820 Website: <http://www.awajishima-kanko.jp/en/>

Awaji Hanasajiki



With an unbroken flower garden boasting flowers such as canola flowers and poppies, Awaji Hanasajiki provides visitors with the feeling of walking on a carpet of flowers that extends to the sea.

■ Access: 25 minutes by bus from JR Maiko Sta. to "Higashiura bus terminal" bus stop, then 10 minutes by taxi
 ■ Location: 2865-4 Kusumoto, Awaji, Hyogo ■ Contact: Awaji Island Tourist Association, +81-799-25-5820 Website: <http://www.awajishima-kanko.jp/en/>

Kobe

Kobe/Sannomiya Shopping

(Harborland, Moto-machi, Sannomiya shopping districts, etc.)



From Harborland and the Former Foreign Settlement area to Motomachi, Sannomiya Center Gai, and the various department stores near Sannomiya Station, the Kobe/Sannomiya area features a wide variety of shopping destinations.

■ Access: Near JR Sannomiya Sta. ■ Location: Chuo Ward, Kobe, Hyogo
■ Contact: Kobe Convention & Visitors Association, +81-78-303-1010
Website: <http://plus.feel-kobe.jp/>

Kobe Bay Cruise



Enjoy a mesmerizing cruise starting and ending at Kobe Port. A wide variety of cruises are available, from short cruises for enjoying the scenes from on deck to cruises that include meals and live music performances. Experience Kobe in a way you'll not soon forget!

■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Kobe Sta. or Kobe Municipal Subway Harborland Sta. ■ Location: Higashikawasakicho, Chuo Ward, Kobe
■ Contact: Kobe Convention & Visitor's Association, +81-78-303-1010
Website: <http://plus.feel-kobe.jp/>

Nada Brewery Tour



Nada is Japan's leading sake production area with 600 years of tradition. Visitors will enjoy touring the many sakagura (sake breweries) around the area and tasting the storied wines.

■ Access: 5 minutes by Rokko Liner from JR Sumiyoshi Sta. to Minami-Uozaki Sta. (Kiku-Masamune Sake Brewery Museum) ■ Location: Chuo Ward / Nada Ward / Higashi-Nada Ward, Kobe, Hyogo ■ Contact: Kobe Convention & Visitors Association, +81-78-303-1010
Website: <http://plus.feel-kobe.jp/>

Arima Onsen



Arima Onsen is considered one of Japan's three oldest hot springs. With water containing numerous ingredients, Arima Onsen is one of the rarest hot springs in the world and is particularly effective at moisturizing the skin and promoting circulation.

■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from Arima-Onsen Sta. on Kobe Electric Railway ■ Location: Arima-cho, Kita Ward, Kobe, Hyogo ■ Contact: Kobe Convention & Visitors Association, +81-78-303-1010
Website: <http://plus.feel-kobe.jp/>

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art



The Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art is home to some 8,000 works of art, most of which are modern and contemporary works. The museum itself was designed by the quintessential Japanese architect Tadao Ando.
*Opening dates and hours vary according to season.

■ Admission: Varies by exhibit ■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Nada Sta. ■ Location: 1-1-1 Wakinohama Kaigan-dori, Chuo Ward, Kobe, Hyogo
■ Contact: +81-78-262-0901
Website: <http://www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp/eng/home.html>

Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Museum



Making full use of special effects and computer graphics, the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Museum reproduces the great earthquake that shook the Kansai region. This hands-on facility was created to help improve disaster prevention and mitigation awareness.
*Opening dates and hours vary according to season.

■ Admission: General 600 yen, Students 450 yen (university) / 300 yen (senior high) ■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Nada Sta.
■ Location: 1-5-2 Wakinohama Kaigan-dori, Chuo Ward, Kobe, Hyogo
■ Contact: +81-78-262-5050 Website: <http://www.dri.ne.jp/en>

Awaji Island

Awaji Yumebutai



Awaji Yumebutai comprises an international conference center, hotel, an open-air theater, and more. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the facility's unique gardens. *Opening dates and hours as well as admission fees vary by facility.

■ Access: 15 minutes by bus from JR Maiko Sta. to "Awaji Yumebutai-mae" bus stop ■ Location: 2 Yumebutai, Awaji, Hyogo ■ Contact: Awaji Island Tourist Association, +81-799-25-5820
Website: <http://www.awajishima-kanko.jp/en/>

Awaji Puppet Theater Company



This staged puppet show boasts 500 years of history. Don't miss the traditional performing arts on display at this nationally designated Important Tangible Folk Cultural Property!
*Performance dates and hours will be published online. Fee required.

■ Access: 1 hour by bus from JR Maiko Sta. to "Fukura" bus stop ■ Location: Near 1528-1 Fukura-kou, Minami Awaji, Hyogo ■ Contact: Awaji Island Tourist Association, +81-799-25-5820
Website: <http://www.awajishima-kanko.jp/en/>